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Copy of letter No. F. 5-12/49-BC.II, dated the 11thxJan January 1950 from the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Subject:- Evacuees from Burma-Grant of free passages to European British evacuees who had home ties in Briton and elsewhere- question of the debit.

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. F. 5-12/4 BC.II, dated the 15th December 1949, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that the Commonwealth Relations Office, London, have now ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ stated that the Government of Burma had agreed to the application to evacuees of the free passage scheme and in this connection they have forwarded a copy of the late Burma office London letter No. B/P & G. 4724/46, dated the 12th December 1946, addressed to the High Comissioner for India in the United Kingdom, (copy enclosed). It is now clear that the Government of Burma are ~~xxxxxx~~ financially responsible for British European evacuees who granted free passages in India. I am, therefore, to request that action may

now be taken, in cases where it is necessary to withdraw the debits from his Majesty's Government of the Expenditure on account of the grant of free passages to British European evacuees from Burma and raise them against the Government of Burma. Instructions in this regard on each individual case will also follow through the Government of Bombay.

BURMA OFFICE.

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quoting B/P.& G. 4724/46.

LONDON, S.W.1.

12th December, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 27th November No. G. 270. 1. 3277, I am directed to inform you that the Govt. of Burma have agreed to the application to evacuees from Burma of the general Scheme under which free passages to the U. K. or other appropriate destinations have been provided by the Government of India, but the question of the disposal of claims made for refund of the cost in the case of those who paid themselves for passages secured under their own arrangements is at present under reference to the Government of Burma who have asked to state what action is being taken thereon.

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The concession for the provision of free passages under the above scheme is not, however, admissible to government servants or employees of commercial concerns who are entitled to be provided with passages in accordance with their terms of services or employment. The question of the refund of pass passages in accordance with their terms of service or employment. The question of the refund of passage money paid by Mr.J.E. Williams in respect of the journey from India to the U.K. for himself and his family has therefore been referred to the Government of Burma and a further communication will be sent to you as soon as a reply is received from that Government. Meanwhile you may wish to advice Mr. Williams of the position as explained above.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/ - Illegible.

The High Comissioner for India,
General Department, India House,
Aldwych, London, W. C. 2.

No. 633/49-1619-A.
Rehabilitation Department.
Bombay Castle, (Bombay No. 1) 23rd January 1950.

Forwarded with compliments to:-

The Director of Rehabilitation, Bombay
All Collectors except the Collector of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District.

2. The above officers are requested to transfer to the Majesty's debits if any in respect of the expenditure on account of the grant of free passages to British European

Evacuees to ~~from Burma from His Government of Burma~~ Majesty's Government under intimation to the Government from Burma.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

Sd/-

(D. R. Pinge).

Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay

Rehabilitation Department.

Copy with copies of accompaniments forwarded with compliments to the Accountant General, Bombay, for information

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